

**PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING**

SUBJECT: Interim Additions to Agricultural and Forestal Districts

ELECTION DISTRICTS: Blue Ridge and Catoctin

CRITICAL ACTION DATE: February 8, 2011

STAFF CONTACT: Robyn Bailey, Economic Development

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Agricultural District Advisory Committee (ADAC): The Agricultural District Advisory Committee (ADAC) held a public meeting on September 22, 2010. The ADAC (5-0-2-3, Meredith and Frankenfield absent for the vote and Baer, Kaufman, Cockrell abstained) recommended to the Planning Commission and to the Board of Supervisors to approve all geographically eligible and complete applications for inclusion in the Agricultural and Forestal District Program, as described in Attachment II.

BACKGROUND:

On or before June 1st of each year, any owner of land may submit an application to add land to an existing Agricultural and Forestal District. The Agricultural District Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission review the applications and provide their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Both the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors are required to hold a Public Hearing. The Board of Supervisors makes a final decision after holding a Public Hearing.

For the 2010 Interim Additions, eight applications have been filed with the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and referred to the Planning Commission pursuant to Chapter 43, Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia to add a total of 120.77 acres to three separate Agricultural and Forestal Districts. Eligibility to join an Agricultural and Forestal District is defined by state code and described in Attachment I. Attachment II summarizes the applications received.

The Agricultural District Advisory Committee (ADAC) held a public meeting on September 22, 2010 to consider the applications. Their recommendations are summarized on Attachment II.

ISSUES: None

FISCAL IMPACT: None

DRAFT MOTIONS:

1. I move that the Planning Commission recommend the Board of Supervisors approve all geographically eligible applications for inclusion in the Agricultural and Forestal District Program, as described in Attachment II.

OR

2. I move an alternate motion ...

ATTACHMENTS:

I. Agricultural and Forestal District Eligibility for Interim Addition Applications

II. 2010 Interim Addition Applications

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